

1. Adaptively manage the Capitol Lake basin.

Adaptive Management

The concept of adaptive management is to treat management practices as experiments, learn from them and use them as a basis for changes and adjustments. Adaptive management is a flexible approach where best judgement is utilized to implement action, test hypotheses, evaluate results and adjust subsequent actions accordingly. Under adaptive management, learning becomes ongoing, interactive and self-correcting.

Adaptive Management:

- Treats management practices as experiments from which learning occurs,
- Mimics the scientific method,
- Highlights uncertainties,
- Specifies hypotheses or questions,
- Structures actions to test the hypotheses,
- Evaluates results, and
- Adjusts subsequent actions accordingly.

For the purpose of this document, the “Capitol Lake basin” shall mean all the sub-basins being: the South Basin, the Middle Basin, Percival Cove and the North Basin as shown on page 5.



Current view from the Capitol Lake Interepretive Center. Courtesy of Entranco, 1998.

CLAMP Steering Committee Role

The purpose of the Capitol Lake Adaptive Management Plan Steering Committee is to advise the Department of General Administration regarding issues related to Capitol Lake, the Capitol Lake Basin and other factors that could impact Capitol Lake or the Capitol Lake Basin. The director of the Department of General Administration is ultimately responsible for the management of Capitol Lake, and the adoption or amendment of this plan. General Administration may also seek the advice of the Capitol Campus Design Advisory Committee as is necessary. The director reports to the State Capitol Committee, which has oversight authority for the entire Capitol Campus.

The Capitol Lake Adaptive Management Plan (CLAMP) Steering Committee includes the following members:

WA Department of General Administration
WA Department of Fish and Wildlife
Squaxin Island Tribe
City of Olympia
Port of Olympia

WA Department of Ecology
WA Department of Natural Resources
City of Tumwater
Thurston County

The CLAMP Steering Committee will meet the 1st Thursday in March, June, September, and December at 8:00 a.m. in the Lower Conference Room of the 1058 Building, 1058 Capitol Way, in Olympia, Washington, unless other arrangements are made. Public Forums will be held at the General Administration Auditorium or another appropriate location and will be scheduled as needed. Other special meetings will be scheduled as needed. All meetings are open to the public and anyone with an interest in the process is invited to attend. A 5 minute time period is reserved for public comment at the beginning of each CLAMP meeting.

The CLAMP Steering Committee will choose a Chair and a Vice-Chair to conduct the meetings. The Chair will conduct the committee meetings and public forums. The Vice-Chair will serve in the Chair's absence. The staff will work with the committee Chair and Vice-Chair to establish the agenda for committee meetings and public forums. The Chair, or his/her appointee, will represent the CLAMP Steering Committee at other meetings or functions as directed by the Steering Committee.

Staff to the Steering Committee will be provided by the Department of General Administration Office of Capital Planning and Management. Staff will be responsible for meeting organization, presentations, minutes, mailings, map and text drafting, and other duties as directed by the committee.

Technical personnel representing the jurisdictions of the Steering Committee will meet as required to provide input to the Steering Committee. Each Steering Committee member will provide a list of persons who could provide technical assistance to this planning process on a variety of CLAMP issues. Other technical assistance may be requested of the Steering Committee members on a case by case basis.

All participants in this planning process bring with them the legitimate purpose and goals of their organizations. All parties recognize the legitimacy of the goals of others and assume that their own goals will also be respected. These discussions will try as much as possible to maximize attainment of all the goals of all the parties.

The Capitol Lake Adaptive Management Plan Steering Committee does not function on a "majority rule" principle. The goal is for the committee to achieve consensus on major issues. However, if consensus cannot be reached, majority, minority and even individual written reports will be accepted by the Department of General Administration.

All participants accept the responsibility to keep their governing authorities informed of the progress of discussions. A commitment is made to support and implement the Plan as adopted herein.

CLAMP Steering Committee - Jurisdictions and Representatives

WA Dept of General Administration	Grant Fredricks , Deputy Director, chair
City of Tumwater	Chris Parsons , Councilmember, vice chair
WA Dept of Fish & Wildlife	Sue Patnude , Regional Director
	Steve Keller, Regional Director (<i>past</i>)
	Sara LaBorde, Regional Director (<i>past</i>)
	Mike Kuttel, Regional Director (<i>past</i>)
WA Dept of Natural Resources	Gary Cooper , Aquatic Asst. Region Manager
	Vicki Christiansen, Regional Manager (<i>past</i>)
	Howard Thronson, Regional Manager (<i>past</i>)
WA Dept of Ecology	Sue Mauermann , Regional Director
Squaxin Island Tribe	Jeff Dickison , Habitat Biologist
City of Olympia	Stan Biles , Mayor
	T. J. Johnson, Councilmember (<i>past</i>)
	Margaret McPhee, Councilmember (<i>past</i>)
	Emmett Dobey, Manager P ² D ² (<i>past</i>)
Thurston County	Dick Blinn , Director of Water and
	Waste Management Department
Port of Olympia	Andrea Fontenot , Sr. Land Use Planner



How Can the Plan be Amended?

The CLAMP will be updated or amended every biennium or whenever deemed appropriate by the CLAMP Steering Committee. A basic principle of adaptive management is frequent communication about new findings and adjusting management actions accordingly. Beginning in 2003 there will be an annual CLAMP Public Meeting. This will be GA's primary opportunity to tell interested parties what has been happening and give them the BIG picture. A CLAMP Report Card will also be distributed, which will evaluate the past year's performance toward the CLAMP objectives. This communication strategy is described in Objective #14 on page 48, and the Report Card can be found on pages 50-53.

The State is required to prepare a 10 year capital plan, as well as budget for the next two-year biennium. Budgeting for the next 10 years is being based on our current efforts to manage the lake as a freshwater impoundment. While this objective has no defined time period, it would be the desire of General Administration to continue managing the lake as a fresh water body until 2013, unless lessons learned from adaptive management or other funding opportunities indicate a different time frame.

Activities in Years 2003-2005

Activities in this time period will be a continuation of the CLAMP Steering Committee process.

CLAMP Budget 2003-2005

The costs to support the CLAMP Steering Committee process are described in Objective #14. Budgeting for the next 10 years is based on the current efforts to manage the lake as a freshwater impoundment.

Activities in Years 2005-2013

The activities will be the same as in the 2003-2005 biennium.

CLAMP Budget 2005-2013

Budgeting for the next 10 years is based on the current efforts to manage the lake as a freshwater impoundment.